



OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBE OF INDIANS

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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Otoe-Missouria Tribe Child Care and Development Program plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- The Otoe-Missouria Tribe operates a subsidy program. CRRSA funds will be utilized to provide subsidy for First Responders and other Essential Personnel, who might otherwise be over the income threshold for the duration of the Pandemic. CRRSA funds may also be utilized to hold the slot of a child who regularly attends a facility, but the parents have chosen to keep them out due to the Pandemic, or the facility has been forced to close due to quarantine, isolation, or other COVID19 affects.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- The Otoe-Missouria Tribe will contract through Professional Service Agreement, a qualified individual to develop a Virus Mitigation Policy and best practices for our Tribal Daycare Center, as well as utilize fund to assist our authorized providers in such Policies and Practices that they choose.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- The Otoe-Missouria Tribe is developing grant applications specific to DHS Licensed Centers, DHS Licensed Homes, and Relative Providers. These grants will be specific in their scope and will assist providers in areas of Health and Safety, Virus Mitigation, loss of income, and other identifiable ramifications specific to the COVID19 Pandemic, which we realize may be very Provider specific.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- The Otoe-Missouria Tribe CCDF Program has certified several new Providers due to the Pandemic, and the needs of our clients. These new Centers, Licensed Homes, and Relative Providers will be eligible for the same services utilizing CRRSA funds that Providers that were certified prior to the Pandemic will be eligible for.

5. Other

- CRRSA funds may be used for the operation of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe TOC, as our General Fund revenues have been impacted by the Pandemic. This can include supplies, utilities, personnel costs, and other costs associated with the operation of the facility.

The Otoe-Missouria Tribe will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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